

**BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING  
CAUSE NO: 2015 NB 0083**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :** )  
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**MELINDA J. ROGERS, R.N., A.P.N.,** )  
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**LICENSE NOS: 28095158A; 71000596A** )

<p><b>FILED</b></p> <p>JUN 18 2015</p> <p>Indiana Professional Licensing Agency</p>
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**ORDER EXTENDING SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

The Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an administrative hearing on May 21, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, to consider the Petition for the Extension of the Summary Suspension of the nursing license of Melinda J. Rogers, R.N., A.P.N., (“Respondent”).

The State of Indiana (“Petitioner”) was represented by Deputy Attorney General, Jessica W. Krug. The Respondent failed to appear.

The Board, pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-4-1 *et seq.* and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10, by a vote of 7-0-0, **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license held by Respondent for an additional ninety (90) days as the Board finds that an emergency exists, that Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to practice n in the State of Indiana, and that there has been no material change in circumstances since the Summary Suspension was originally granted.

This **NON-FINAL** emergency order is based on evidence supporting the following findings:

1. Respondent is a Registered Nurse (“R.N.”) in the State of Indiana, having been granted R.N. License Number 28095158A on or about March 27, 1986, by the Board.

Respondent also received her Advanced Practice Nurse (“A.P.N.”) License Number 71000596A on or about February 8, 1999, and her Indiana CSR on or about February 9, 1999.

2. Respondent’s address on file with the Board is 7715 Bayridge Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46236.

3. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend Respondent’s license in accordance with Ind. Code 4-21.5-4 *et seq.* and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10.

4. On or about May 26, 2014, Respondent was admitted to Community North Behavioral Care Pavilion after she was brought there by law enforcement on an involuntary hold. Law enforcement officers had responded to Respondent’s residence after being called by family members and there was sufficient cause for her safety or the safety of others to transport her to the Hospital. Respondent’s own witness testified that Respondent’s alcohol use was a contributing factor to these events.

5. Respondent was assessed by both Dr. Tim Kelly at Fairbanks/Community North Hospital, and by an evaluator of her own choosing, Nick Sahaidachny, LCSW, LCAC, MAC. Both evaluators recommended determined that Respondent needed substance use treatment, to discontinue her use of narcotics and controlled substances, and needed to engage in a treatment and monitoring program.

6. While Respondent made contact with the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program, she ultimately never fully engaged in the treatment program and was discharged unsuccessfully due to her ongoing use of controlled substances.

7. Respondent reported that she uses multiple controlled substances daily, including hydrocodone, klonopin, and Ambien. This use of medication is significant. Additionally, testimony revealed that Respondent likely has an alcohol use issue. It was reported that she can

consumer up to a half bottle of wine in addition to these medications. Such level of use is of significant concern for her ability to function safely as a nurse.

8. Further, Respondent demonstrates little to no insight into her own use of these medications and alcohol and their impact on her daily life or ability to function appropriately.

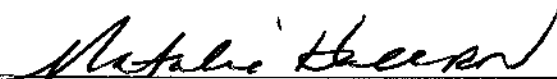
**ORDER**

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10 and based upon the above stated facts, the Board finds that the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue to practice nursing in the State of Indiana.

**WHEREFORE, RESPONDENT IS ORDERED** to immediately cease all acts constituting the practice of nursing for a **period of ninety (90) days**, effective May 21, 2015.

**SO ORDERED**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015; this **Order is effective as of the 21st day of May, 2015.**

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
Natalie Hall, R.N.  
Board President  
Indiana State Board of Nursing

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the "Extension of Summary Suspension Order" has been duly served upon:

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